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ADMISSION OF SC/ST STUDENTS IN IIFT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee headed by the Prime Minister recommended for ensuring admission of students from SC/ST community to the fullest extent to the quota of seats reserved for this community in all the educational/academic institutions in the year 1993;

(b) if so, the total number of seats offered in different faculties/ disciplines in the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in Pre-Graduation, Graduation and Post-Graduation level courses during each of the last three years;

(c) the total number of students from SC/ST community admitted to the above referred courses in different faculties/ courses including their percentage as compared to the total seats during the above period; and

(d) the reasons, if the above recommendation is not implemented satisfactorily?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) : The total number of seats and the number of candidates admitted in the courses by Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) during the last three years is given below:

YEAR	Total Number of Students admitted	Total Number of SC/ST Students admitted	Percentage
(i) Masters Programme in International Business(MPIB)			
1999-2001	91	14	15.38
2000-2002	92	11	11.95
2001-2003	98	07	7.14
(ii) Executive Masters in International Trade(EMIT)			
1999	45		
2000	33		
2001	54		

(d) : IIFT follows the norms laid down by Government of India in regard to reservation of seats for admission to its post graduate level foundational programmes i.e., 15% seats for SC candidates and 7.5% for ST candidates.However, being a professional institution, certain minimum standards are prescribed for admission to the courses. Admissions are made on the basis of merit through entrance examinations followed by Group Discussion and Interview in the case of Masters Programme in International Business and on the basis of interviews in other programmes. In the admission process, the cut-off percentage for SC/ST candidates is kept at 10% lower than that of general candidates.

For the selection of candidates for EMITthe Institute normally constitutes a Selection Board comprising at least two Senior Faculty Members from the Institute and associates one/two members from the Trade & Industry. All members of the Selection Board grade the candidates independently. The final grade for each candidates is arrived at by averaging the marks given by each members of the Selection Board.

Based on the performance in the interview, admission to candidates in the general category is offered to those who secure a minimum of 60/65% marks. As per norms of the Institute, the cut-off is lowered by 10% marks for SC/ST candidates. One SC/ST candidate in 1999 and three SC/ST candidates hadapplied for this course in 2001. However, only two SC/ST candidates appeared in the interview and none of them qualified for admission. No SC/ST candidate applied for this course in 2000.